

Tales from the Police Blotter

Wednesday, Oct. 10

*Some sort of strange phone call from an unknown woman from an unknown location was reported in Takilma.

*“Employee error” caused an alarm at Dr. Joe’s Pet Hospital.

*Four young people in a car that spun out at Hwy. 199 and Hogue Drive refused medical treatment.

*The girlfriend of a son of a woman in Selma used courtesy checks without permission. The complainant was not going to press charges.

*Theft of a 30-year-old pickup truck was reported on Takilma Road.

*Two vehicles crashed at 6:54 p.m. near the corner of Hwy. 199 and Deer Creek Road. Drivers were identified as Ross Welcome, 47, and Doug Hoskins, 17. Hoskins was cited on a charge of failure to yield the right-of-way. One was transported by American Medical Response, but it was unclear who it was.

*John Gregory Jones, 46, was cited on charges of no operator’s license and driving uninsured. His vehicle was towed.

*Three men on Crickett Lane were counseled about their actions after one said that two others were rattling his gate after they said he was shooting at them.

*A fence was cut at Jubilee Park by local masterminds.

*Alcohol seemed to have influence in a disturbance on Tracy Lane at 10:19 p.m.

*Community Oriented Policing (COP) was conducted at a CJ alcoholic beverage serving site at 11:12 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11

*At four past midnight a man said that in the 25000 block of Hwy. 199 he was nearly struck head-on by someone driving on the wrong side of the road.

*At five past midnight a deputy found an unoccupied vehicle on Lakeshore Drive.

*No deputy was available to respond to an alarm in the 18000 block of Hwy. 199 at 4:41 a.m.

*A man restrained from a place on Dick George Road showed up, then left.

*What sounded like a shotgun blast was reported on Addison Lane at 2:11 p.m.

*The location of a girl, 16, said to be a runaway person, was known in O’Brien. There was to be an attempt to get her to a safe location because of an alleged rape by her father.

*A mother and daughter had a dispute over money in

rural CJ, and the girl left, but the mom was going to work on a reconciliation.

*An erratic driver in a Jeep was reported in the vicinity of Hwy. 199 and Illinois River Road at 8:19 p.m.

*A security check was conducted at O’Brien Country Store at 11:18 p.m. And St. Patrick Church was checked at 11:31 p.m., as was Lake Selmac Resort and Lake Selmac generally at 11:40.

Saturday, Oct. 13

*Following a complaint at 12:16 a.m. in O’Brien of someone cooking meth, it was believed to be burning plastic.

*A commotion with cursing, and a man saying, “I didn’t mean to harm you or hit you,” occurred at 58 past midnight on Rockydale Road. It turned out to be a situation in which a woman didn’t want a man to drive away because he had been drinking.

*While a man was hunting in rural Grants Pass, someone stole his gas can.

*No problems were reported at I.V. Family Resource Center following an alarm at 5:51 p.m.

*Illinois River “Forks” State Park was the recipient of COP at 6:44 p.m.

*Timothy Roy Wilcox, 25, was arrested in Cave Junction on charge of restraining order violation, and probation violation.

*For some reason, a 911 hang-up call came from a wedding reception in the 23000 block of Hwy. 199. All was OK.

*Christine A. Griggs, 45, was cited in CJ at 9:24 p.m. under a warrant charging contempt of court.

*Paul W. Landfried, 51, was cited in CJ at 9:24 p.m. on charges of first-degree driving while suspended (DWS), and switched license plates. A small quantity of marijuana was destroyed at the scene. His vehicle was impounded.

*From Westside Road came a complaint of someone who keeps firing a gun. Subsequently, Thomas Wayne Snider, 38, was arrested under a Medford Police Dept. warrant charging probation violation in connection with second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

*After a 911 hang-up call from Waldo Road at 10:46 p.m. it was found that there had been a flue fire that had been extinguished. The caller refused a response from Illinois Valley firefighters.

*Amon Ra Griffin, 16, described as “highly intoxicated,” was arrested on a charge of probation violation and taken to the Juvenile Justice Center in Grants Pass at 11:39 p.m. He was contacted at a Cave Junction bar.

*Two people were reported yelling, screaming and pushing each other on Lister Street at 11:41 p.m. Paul Daniel Pittman Jr., 39, was arrested on a charge of probation violation.

Sunday, Oct. 14

*Lots of flashlights at a former meth lab in Selma prompted a complaint at eight past midnight.

*At the south end of Cave Junction at 3:25 a.m. a woman was heard yelling, “You’re not going to hit me anymore!” Then all was calm.

*No units were available when an alarm sounded in the 1000 block of Happy Camp Road.

*The driver of a pickup truck from Nevada crashed into a tree and brush off

Hwy. 199 at Sis’s Gap.

*It was determined that a motion alarm, which activated five times in the 8000 block of Deer Creek Road, was caused by a large moth.

*A boy, 8, was “beyond parental control” in Cave Junction at 3:25 p.m. No deputy was available, and OSP declined to respond. The boy hit a pregnant woman with a plunger, and yelled and screamed while “tearing up the house.” He finally took his meds, and was going to see a therapist.

*A boy, 13, was “beyond parental control” in CJ at 3:37 p.m. At one point it was reported that the boy had a woman on the ground and she tore his shirt off while getting up. The situation was handled via telephone.

*Michael A. Bergman, 18, was cited at 7:09 p.m. in the 1000 block of Hwy. 46 on a charge of driving without insurance. He was warned about unsafe passing, expired registration, and the tow ordinances.

*COP was conducted at Jubilee Park at 8:27 p.m.

*Today and during other days in this report, a number of drivers were warned about defective equipment, mostly lights that were not working.

*COP was conducted at Lorna Byrne Middle School and Evergreen Elementary School at 9:23 and 9:30 p.m.

*Michael C. Fuentes, 19, was cited at 9:43 p.m. on Rockydale Road on charges of driving uninsured and driving while suspended. A charge of possession of a destructive device was referred to the D.A. His vehicle (Fuentes’) was impounded.

*“Cooking meth” was reported in Selma. OSP was to be contacted, and probably DEQ too.

*There was a call at 11:31 p.m. from the 900 block of Hwy. 46 regarding a car with several purses and cell phones in it. The registered owner was phoned. He said he sold the car, but didn’t remember to whom.

Monday, Oct. 15

*In conducting a welfare check in O’Brien concerning a woman who reported being raped, officers eventually found that she had moved to California and “was OK except for my overly protective mother.”

*At five past midnight, a man was warned about something outside a Cave Junction drinking place.

*At 11 past midnight, Timothy Q. Guillory was cited on a charge of driving without insurance and an operator’s license on W. Lister Street. He was warned about switched license plates and failing to signal. Then his vehicle was impounded.

*There was a 1:06 a.m. traffic stop in CJ during which a man was warned about speeding, failing to carry insurance, and improper display (of what, was not stated).

*Two other drivers in CJ also were stopped in the early a.m. and warned about defective equipment.

*Two men were contacted at Hwy. 199 and Laurel Road at 15 past midnight in connection with cleverly relocating orange traffic cones.

*Lorna Byrne Middle School went into “lockdown” after a report that a man was firing a rifle behind Jubilee Park, a short distance south of the school. Neither man nor gun were located.

*For the second time, some fool pried open a storage unit at the model airplane-flying site near Kerby Transfer Station and stole gasoline.

*When a man got home on E. River Street at 8:37 p.m., he said, two men he didn’t know were there. They asked him, “Where are you hiding it?” They left, and were not located.

*For some reason a BLM gate was checked in the 31000 block of Hwy. 199.

*Following a 911 hang-up call, it was reported that a baby playing with a telephone was responsible. The mother said it was the second time.

*Several bags of trash were found, said a hunter, in the Dick George Road/Greenview Drive area. The hunter said he found mail in the rubbish that could identify the dumper.

*School officials were to check into a report from a Phoenix mother who said that someone threw a glass of water on her daughter, and then “jumped” her and beat her.

*A rural CJ resident said that her bipolar husband was upset about dogs and stabbed one of her hands with scissors. She was phoning from another state.

*Speed resulted in a warning to a man at Hwy. 199 and Waldo Road at 7:56 p.m.

*Near milepost 25 of Hwy. 199, a man was warned about defective tail lights.

*Extra patrol was conducted at I.V. High School close to 9 p.m.

*At 10:14 p.m. a deputy was flagged down near a CJ business, as someone thought that there was a suspicious vehicle nearby. Nothing bad nor weird was located.

*Area security checks were conducted at Ray’s Food Place in Selma, and Rough & Ready Lumber Co. five minutes apart.

*Some genius took gasoline from a U-Haul truck in Cave Junction.

*Illinois River “Forks” State Park was checked at 10:05 p.m. And 11:46.

*Security checks were conducted at Almost

Heaven and O’Brien General Store at 10:33 and 10:38 p.m. And Joe’s Market at 11:05. And Holland Store at 11:21.

OSP reports trucker violations

According to preliminary statistics from Oregon State Police, 512 inspections resulted in approximately one-in-10 vehicles and nearly 20 percent of drivers placed out-of-service for equipment and driver-related safety violations during during a recent three-day interagency commercial vehicle inspection.

Inspections were held at the Interstate 84 eastbound

Cascade Locks Port of Entry. It was Oregon’s 13th trucker check operation since the program began in 1998 to target impairment and vehicle safety.

Operation Trucker Check XIII involved a team of law enforcement officers and ODOT commercial vehicle inspectors targeting driver impairments related to alcohol, drugs, or fatigue, and vehicle equipment safety.

Cops arrest armed holdup man

Grants Pass resident Russell K. Norris, 45, has been charged with first-degree robbery, first-degree kidnapping, and second-degree theft.

Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) added that the charges are in

connection with an armed holdup on Sept. 30 at The Laundry Room on Redwood Avenue.

GPDPS said that public assistance provided valuable leads that resulted in the suspect being arrested. The victims were not identified.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 25
*Balfour meeting with seniors 10:07 a.m. (During Crew)
*Football Boys Junior Varsity vs. Rogue River 5 p.m.
*Volleyball Girls JV vs. Henley JV 5:15/Varsity 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26
*Football at Rogue River 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30
*School Picture Retakes/ Senior Pictures 8 a.m. (Cafeteria)

*Honor Society Inductions 6 p.m. (Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31
*Balfour taking orders 12:06 p.m. (Cafeteria)
*Balfour taking orders 3:00 p.m. (Cafeteria)